1SG Ben W. Shoemaker
Incoming First Sergeant

First Sergeant Ben W. Shoemaker was born in Sumter, South Carolina on 21 January 1975. He joined the Army on active duty on 22 February 1995. He attended Basic and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Fort McClellan, Alabama. During his career he served as gunner, driver, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) Small Group Leader, Drill Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Detachment Sergeant, Company Operations Sergeant, and Provost Sergeant . First Sergeant Shoemaker's assignments include the 523rd Military Police Company, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; the 230th Military Police Company, Kaiserslautern, Germany; the 4th Military Police Company, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX; the Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN), Fort Leonard Wood, MO; the 984th Military Police Company, Fort Carson, CO; HHD 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, CO; and the 39th Military Police Detachment, United States Army, Pacific, Fort Shafter, HI.

First Sergeant Shoemaker has deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Intrinsic Action, Croatia in support of Peace Keeping Operations, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

First Sergeant Shoemaker's military education includes, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Combat Lifesaver Course, HAZMAT, Domestic Violence Intervention Training, and the First Sergeant Course. 1SG Shoemaker has a Bachelors' degree in Business Management with Phoenix University.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star(1 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal(1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6th OLC), Good Conduct Medal (5th AWD), and German Schützenschnur (Gold). 1SG Shoemaker is a member of the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

He is married to Chalene Shoemaker of Waynesville, Missouri. He has three boys Jonathon(14), Nicholas (7), and Matthew (5), who currently live in Wahiawa, HI.